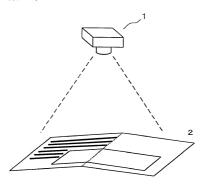
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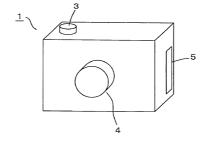
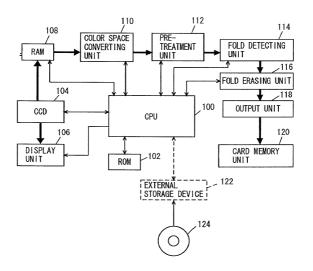
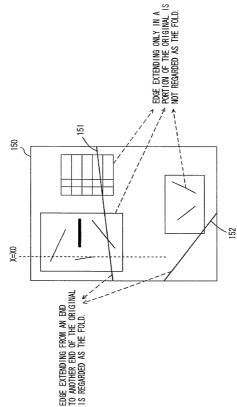
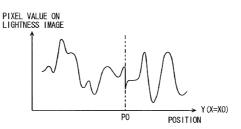


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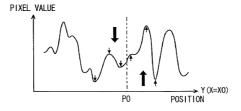


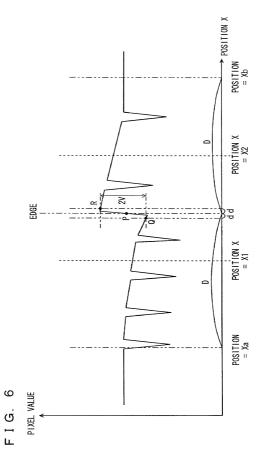
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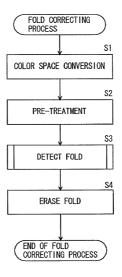


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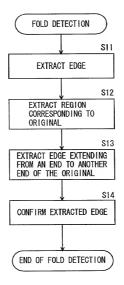




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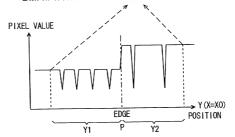
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FIG. 11

BACKGROUND PIXEL VALUES ARE DIFFERENT IN THE REGIONS EACH AT A PRESCRIBED DISTANCE FROM THE DETECTED EDGE.



BACKGROUND PIXEL VALUES ARE THE SAME IN THE REGIONS EACH AT A PRESCRIBED DISTANCE FROM THE DETECTED EDGE.

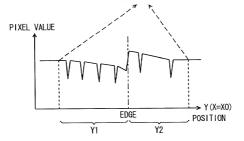
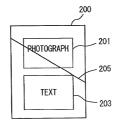


FIG. 13



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FIG. 14

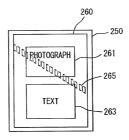


FIG. 15

